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1. KOREA

CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER'S ZIMMERMAN (WSTAR FRONT-PG,
5/24) REPORTS RECENT NEW EVIDENCE LINKING SOME 10
SITTING HOUSE MEMBERS W/ACCEPTING CASH PAYMENTS FROM
KIM DONG JO WAS OBTAINED BY NSA THRU INTERCEPTION/DECODING
DIPLO CABLES FROM SEOUL TO KOREAN EMB IN WASHINGTON.
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INTELL COMMUNITY SOURCES HAVE REPORTEDLY REVEALED
THAT PRIMARILY ON BASIS OF NSA INTERCEPTS, JAWORSKI
INSISTING KIM BE FORCED RETURN US/TESTIFY BEFORE
CONGRESS. JAWORSKI REFUSED COMMENT ON REPORT.

IN UNANIMOUS VOTE 5/24, HIRC APPROVED RESOLUTION
WARNING SK THAT IT FACES LOSS NON-MILITARY US AID
UNLESS CONGRESS ALLOWED QUESTION KIM DONG JO. CMTE
AGREED MODIFY LANGUAGE IN ORIGINAL PROPOSED RESOLUTION,
WHICH WOULD HAVE THREATENED CUT OFF FINANCIAL AID

ALTOGETHER. JAWORSKI REPORTEDLY DISSATISFIED W/COMPROMISE, BUT HIS DEPUTY, PETER WHITE, SAID RESOLUTION ADEQUATE TO "SEND THE MESSAGE." HOUSE LEADERSHIP PLANS BRING RESOLUTION TO FLOOR VOTE, POSSIBLY EARLY AS 6/5. KOREAN EMB SPOKESMAN REFUSED COMMENT ON PANEL'S ACTION. AT DOS, SPOKESMAN RESTON REPEATED OPPOSITION TO COERCING KIM TESTIFY/EXPRESSED REGRET CMTE PASSED RESOLUTION. IN ADDITION, OTHER DIPLO OFFICIALS SAID SK NOW VIEWS ISSUE AS TEST OF WILL--GIVING IN TO DEMAND, IT IS FELT, WILL MAKE OTHER NATIONS LABEL KOREANS "PUPPETS" OF US (BABCOCK, WP; AP'S ADAMS, PHINQ; REUTER'S DE SILVA, 5/24; LEWTHWAITE, SUN).

IN APPROVING 38-BIL-DOL DEFENS BUDGET 5/24, HOUSE ALSO BLOCKED PROVISION IN BILL THAT WOULD HAVE PROHIBITED TROOP W/DRAWAL FROM SK. MEASURE STRICKEN ON GROUNDS IT WAS NOT GERMANE/SHOULD HAVE BEEN PASSED UPON BY HIRC (AYRES, NYT).

BRZEZINSKI VISITED US-SK INTEGRATED ARMY CORPS NORTH OF SEOUL 5/24, INCL FRONT LINE DIVISIONS NEAR NK BORDER. NO TOPICS FOR BRZEZINSKI'S TALKS W/SKOREAN LEADERS RELEASED, THO FON MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID UNCLASSIFIED

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"WOULD BE SAFE TO ASSUME" KOREANS WISH HEAR WHAT HE DISCUSSED IN PEKING/HIS OPINIONS ON WAYS SETTLE "KOREAN QUESTION." MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID USG SUGGESTED SK STUDY YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL FOR TRIPARTITE TALKS. NOTED ROKG COULD POSITIVELY CONSIDER PROPOSAL, PROVIDED IT COULD CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE/UNIFICATION KOREAN PENINSULA (ILSON, REUTER SOEUL 5/24; MARTIN, SUN TOKYO).

BRZEZINSKI DEPARTED FOR HOME 5/25, AFTER TALKS W/KOREAN LEADERS WHICH AMEMB SPOKESMAN DESCRIBED AS "EXTREMELY CORDIAL" (REUTER SEOUL).

2. KOREA/AUSTRALIA

AT WELLINGTON MTG THIS WK, SK/NZ TRADE MINISTERS DISCUSSED JOINT ECON PROPOSALS/RECOMMENDED FURTHER CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN JOINT FISHING VENTURES (JOC AUCKLAND).

3. JAPAN

JAPAN SIGNED LONG-TERM CONTRACT W/UK IN LONDON 5/24 FOR TRANSPORT/REPROCESSING SPENT NUKE FUEL FROM 1982-1990. UNDER CONTRACT, TOTAL 1,600 TONS SPENT NUKE FUEL WILL BE DELIVERED TO UK FOR REPROCESSING OVER 8 YRS AT COST 1.02 BIL DOLS. JAPANESE REPORTEDLY WILL

CARRY ON ENDEAVOR GAIN US APPROVAL FOR DEAL BEFORE
CONTRACT TAKES EFFECT (OFUSA, NYT TOKYO; WSJ LONDON).

JOC'S CULLISON (TOKYO) REPORTS PRELIM RESEARCH INTO
CONSTRUCTION GEOTHERMAL ELECTRIC POWER STATIONS IN
JAPAN HAS BEEN LAUNCHED BY INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY
AGENCY.

IN SEPARATE REPORT, CULLISON NOTES BANK OF JAPAN HAS
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RAISED CEILING ON FON CURRENCY IMPORTS WHICH MAY BE
TRANSFERRED INTO YEN. BANK AUTHORITIES WOULD GIVE NO
FIGURES.

4. CHINA

PRC-SOVIET NEGOTIATORS MET IN PEKING TUES FOR ANOTHER
ROUND OF BORDER TALKS, ACCORDING "INFORMED SOURCES"(REUTER
PEKING 5/24).

PRC HEALTH MINISTRY SOURCES SAID 5/25 THAT CHINA NOW HAS
500,000 QUALIFIED DOCTORS TRAINED IN WESTERN-STYLE
MEDICINE/ABOUT 200,000 DOCTORS TRAINED IN TRADITIONAL
CHINESE MEDICAL TECHNIQUES. SAID AIM IS ONE DOCTOR FOR
EVERY 1,000 PEOPLE IN COUNTRY. NEXT MONTH, PRC WILL HOLD
NATL MEDICAL CONF, LATEST IN SERIES OF NATIONWIDE MTGS
IN VARIOUS FIELDS TO PLAN FOR COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT,
SOURCES ADDED--CONF WILL BE 1ST OF ITS KIND SINCE START
OF GPCR (REUTER PEKING).

5. CHINA/VIETNAM

PEKING ACCUSED SRV TUES OF MALTREATMENT/MASS EXPULSION
CHINESE RESIDENTS FROM VN. ACCORDING PRC, MORE THAN 70,000
CHINESE HAD COME FROM VN SINCE EARLY APRIL--SOME BEATEN/
WOUNDED BY VIETNAMESE (WSJ).

6. INDONESIA

REUTER (JAKARTA) REPORTS GOI THURS BANNED PUBLICATION OF
BOOK CONTAINING SUKARNO WILL/LOVE LTRS BECAUSE, ACCORDING
ATTY GEN ALI, IT WOULD CAUSE NATL CONTROVERSY.

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7. PHILIPPINES

FIL COURT THURS SENTENCED TWO US TEACHERS--VICTORIA
SHEPPARD/STEPHEN DWYER--TO MAX 17 YRS IN JAIL FOR STABBING

OF INDIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL IN MANILA 3 MONTHS AGO. BOTH IDENTIFIED AS MEMBERS OF INDIA-BASED ANANDA MARGA SECT, BLAMED FOR ASSAULTS ON INDIAN DIPLOMATS ALL OVER WORLD. TWO ALSO ORDERED PAY 13,605 DOLS IN DAMAGES (REUTER MANILA).

8. PACIFIC ISLANDS

MCLAUCHLAN (JOC, AUCKLAND) REPORTS BANK OF SOUTH PACIFIC, NEW TONGA BASED BANK HEADED BY FORMER HOWARD HUGHES EMPLOYEE J MEIER, BACKING MOVE TO UPGRADE TONGAN NATL AIRPORT/START TONGAN AIRLINE. MEIER, NOW CANADIAN CIT, INVOLVED IN DISPUTE W/US OVER TAX EVASION/FINANCIAL DEALS WHILE HUGHES EMPLOYEE. KING OF TONGA SAYS DEAL MAY ALSO INCLUDE TAIWANESE, INVOLVE BUILDING LUXURY HOTEL/RESTAURANT.

9. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

CANADIAN HIGH COMM SPOKESMAN IN KL ANNOUNCES CANADA WILL ACCEPT 35 VIETNAMESE REFUGEE FAMILIES EVERY MONTH/FROM TEMPORARY CAMPS IN SEA "AS LONG AS THERE WAS NEED TO DO DO" (REUTER KL).

REUTER (MANILA) REPORTS ARRIVAL OF 85 VIET REFUGEES IN FILS 5/23. GROUP OF 58 HAD BEEN PICKED UP SUNDAY IN S CHINA SEA BY US CONTAINER SHIP PRES POLK. FEW DAYS EARLIER, GROUP OF 35 PICKED UP BY ANOTHER US VESSEL, BROUGHT TO SUBIC BAY FOR TEMPORARY ASYLUM. USUAL PROCEDURE IS CHARGE THEM W/ILLEGAL ENTRY/SEND THEM TO REF CENTER IN MANDALUYONG RUN BY FIL AUTHORITIES, UN HIGH COMMISSION WHERE THEY AWAIT PERMANENT ASYLUM IN OTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNTRIES (5/24).

10. SEA GENERAL

SERIES OF MAJOR LOANS EXPECTED BE FLOATED IN AREA IN NEAR FUTURE, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PREVAILING LIQUIDITY, LOW INTEREST RATES, TO REFINANCE OLD LOANS/FUND NEW PROJECTS. BANKERS IN SINGAPORE EXCITED ABOUT TREMENDOUS FINANCING REQUIREMENTS, DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF REGION (NYT, SINGAPORE).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. CHINA

KRAFT (WP) SAYS EVEN THO BRZEZINSKI SEEMS TO HAVE ENJOYED "GREAT SUCCESS" IN SEEKING ALLAY PRC CONCERNS ABOUT US POLICY, STILL THERE WILL BE NO IMMEDIATE PAYOFF IN ACTIONS

THAT INHIBIT SOVIET'S ASSERTIVE POLICIES--WHICH SHOWS THAT
EVEN BEST THING US HAS GOING IN INTL AFFAIRS--QUASI-
ALLIANCE W/PEKING--HAS NOT EVOLVED IN WAY THAT MAKES IT
EASY TO CHECK SOVIET'S PRESENT COURSE. CONTENTS WHILE
SINO-SOVIET TIES ARE SOLID, PEKING IS NOT STRONG ENOUGH

TO EXERT SERIOUS PRESSURE ON SOVIET FOR MORE CAREFUL
BEHAVIOR ANYWHERE IN WORLD; NOR, DESPITE US HELP, WILL PRC
ACHIEVE THAT KIND OF STRENGTH FOR YRS TO COME.

12. CHINA/VIETNAM

REUTER'S PRITCHETT (PEKING) NOTES HANOI'S REJECTION
WEDS OF PRC CHARGES IT HAS EXPELLED MORE THAN 70,000
CHINESE RESIDENTS IN SRV AND THAT THEY WERE MALTREATED/
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PLUNDERED WHEN FORCED ACROSS BORDER. SEES ABRUPT DETERIO-
RATION IN ALREADY STRAINED CHINESE-VN RELS.

OBERDORFER (WP) CITES E GERMAN NEWS AGENCY REPORT THAT
CHINA IS PULLING ITS ECON/AID ADVISORS OUT OF VIETNAM.
REPORT QUOTES CHINESE ACCUSATION THAT VIETNAMESE "RETURNING
EVIL FOR GOOD" BY PERSECUTING/EXPELLING LARGE NOS CHINESE
RESIDENTS. IRONICALLY, OBERDORFER SAYS, DISPUTE BROUGHT
TO HEAD BY VIETS MARCH NATIONALIZATION OF REMAINING PRIVATE
BUSINESSES IN CHOLON/ELSEWHERE. CREDITS INCREASING SOVIET
ACTIVITY, INFLUENCE IN AREA, CHINESE TIES/AID TO CAMBODIA/
HISTORIC ILL WILL BETWN TWO COUNTRIES AS FACTORS IN
DISPUTE.

,3. VIETNAM

SUN EDIT BELIEVES USG WENT OVERBOARD IN ORDER WIN CONVIC-
TIONS IN HUMPHREY/TRUONG TRIAL. AGREES W/PUNISHING THOSE
WHO GIVE DOCUMENTS TO FON GOVTS; BUT RAISES SUSPICIONS RE
USG'S USE OF STATUTES THAT CONSTRUCTIVE OBTAINING/PASSING ON OF
SECRET INFO AS THEFT/DEFRAUDING GOVT. SAYS THESE STATUTES
MAY EASILY BE IMPROPERLY USED/URGES CONGRESS CONSIDER NEW
ESPIONAGE ACT IN ORDER AVOID USING THESE QUESTIONABLE
STATUTES.

14. VIETNAM/CAMBODIA

LAT EDIT (5/21) APPROVES HOUSE PROHIBITION OF AID TO CUBA/
CAMBODIA/VN/UGANDA, BUT SAYS IT WENT TOO FAR IN ADOPTING
AMENDMENT THAT SEEKS PREVENT US FUNDS FROM AIDING THOSE
COUNTRIES AS PART INTL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY
UN. URGES SENATE STRIKE DOWN AMENDMENT, WHICH RUNS CONTRARY
TO LAUDABLE PRINCIPLE THAT ALLOWS US/OTHERS ASSIST NEEDY
PEOPLE LIVING UNDER OPPRESSIVE REGIMES W/O SHOWING SUPPORT
FOR SUCH REGIMES THRU DIRECT AID PROGRAMS.

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15. THAILAND

MELUNSKI (REUTER BANGKOK 5/24) FINDS COMMUNIST INSURGENTS

IN THAILAND MAKING LITTLE HEADWAY IN BID TOPPLE KRIANGSAK GOVT. NOTES ANALYSTS COMMENT CPT HAS FAILED CAPITALIZE ON BOOST MANY EXPECTED IT RECEIVE AFTER '75 VICTORIES IN VN/CAMBODIA/LAOS. MELUNSKI FINDS CPT'S FAILURE TIED TO THAILAND'S HISTORY. STATES THAI VILLAGERS WILL NEVER ACCEPT PARTY WHICH SEEKS TOPPLE KING AS HEAD OF STATE. FUTHER, NATION'S RELIGIOUS/SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS PRESENT STRONG FACTORS IN LIMITING COMMUNIST GAINS.

16. ASEAN

IN 2ND OF SERIES, JOC'S AMERMAN (MANILA) VIEWS ASEAN TRADE FAIR AS INDICATIVE OF GROUP'S CHANGING TRADE ORIENTATION FROM RAW MATERIALS TO MFRD PRODUCTS. SAYS MOST VISITORS READILY CONCEDE ASEAN HAS "DONE ITSELF PROUD" IN MOUNTING ITS 1ST REGIONAL TRADE FAIR. CHRISTOPHER

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